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Newborn Coverage

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GENERAL RULE--A newborn child is eligible for Medicaid as long as the mother was eligible for and receiving Medicaid at the time of birth. No separate determination of eligibility is to be made for the newborn child. Review family resources to verify mom was eligible on date of delivery.

If the mother was receiving Medicaid through either MA-FM or MA-QP at the time of birth, a Child Support Enforcement referral (HCS/CS-332) must have been completed at application, if the unborn's father was not in the home. Child Support Referrals for unborns are not entered on TEAMS and are not sent to Child Support Enforcement until after the birth of the child.

► **EXTENDED POST PARTUM (MA-EP)** If the mother was receiving Medicaid through any medically needy program at the time of birth, **the newborn is eligible only for Extended Post Partum Coverage. Automatic newborn coverage CANNOT be opened after the extended coverage ends.** The newborn may be eligible under the Poverty Child program (FMA 201-7).

AUTOMATIC NEWBORN (MA-AN) If the mother is receiving non medically needy Medicaid at the time of birth, the child may be eligible through the month of its first birthday. The mother may be receiving Medicaid through the receipt of SSI, Emergency Alien Medical, or a specific Medicaid program (i.e., MA-PW, MA-FM).

► **NOTE:** The newborn is not eligible for MA-AN if the mother was receiving medically needy Medicaid (under any program, family or aged, blind/disabled-related) at the time of birth.

Future income changes will not affect the newborn's eligibility. Resources for Automatic Newborn may not exceed \$3,000. If, at any time during the 1-year period, the child loses MA-AN eligibility, that coverage CANNOT be re-established.

EXAMPLE: A child is born June 12th and MA-AN is opened effective June 1st. On August 15th, the mother reports the baby is now living with her parents (baby's grandparents). MA-AN eligibility ends effective August 31st. On December 9th, the mother reports the baby is back living with her. MA-AN cannot be reopened for the remainder of the child's 1st year.

The child's 'deemed eligibility' was lost forever when he left his mother's home in August. Medicaid coverage may be established under another category (i.e., MA-PC, MA-FM).

TEAMS does not recognize siblings' resources when determining eligibility for Automatic Newborn. Calculate resource eligibility manually (off of the system) and document in system case notes.

EXAMPLE: Baby Boy Smith's brother Seth and sister Sara have savings accounts of \$600.00 each. Mother and Father Smith have resources totaling \$2500.00. Total resources for the case equal \$3700.00, making the case resource ineligible.

NOTE: Only the resources of those siblings who were included in the MA-PW (or other Medicaid program) filing unit (coded 'IC' or 'IN') at the time of birth are considered when determining if MA-AN resources are below the \$3000 limit.

If, in the above example, Seth and Sara had both been coded 'OU' on the MA-PW case, their resources would be not evaluated in determining MA-AN eligibility.

For Automatic Newborn eligibility purposes only, if mom meets all financial and non-financial criteria, except citizenship/alienage, and delivery charges are covered under Alien Emergency Medical, an infant born to her is considered to be born to a woman eligible for and receiving Medicaid; therefore the baby is eligible for MA-AN coverage, but there is no eligibility for MA-EP for mom or baby.

Upon notification of birth, take immediate action to:

1. Verify the child's birth;
2. Verify application for a Social Security number; and

NOTE: Form SSA-2853 (hospital application for SSN for newborn) verifies that an SSN application has been filed.

Verification of application for newborn's SSN is not required prior to Medicaid being opened (see FMA 303-1).

3. Open MA-AN or MA-EP for the newborn.

**AUTOMATIC
ELIGIBILITY ENDS**

Automatic eligibility for the newborn ends when the:

- 1. Newborn no longer resides with the mother;
- ▶ 2. End of the month of the 60th day after date of birth for MA-EP (If the mother was receiving Medicaid through a medically needy program, the newborn is eligible only for MA-EP);
- ▶ 3. Month after the newborn turns age one for MA-AN; or
- 4. Countable resources for the child's household exceeds \$3,000.

If the mother is eligible for MA-EP, the newborn is eligible for at least MA-EP (may be MA-AN eligible) as long as the newborn resides with its mother.

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